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# HU Students Arrested at UTC After Feud with Police

BY TRAVER RIGGINS  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Five Howard students were arrested over the weekend at University Towers Center (UTC) in Hyattsville, Md.

Chad Williams-Bey, a senior political science major, was charged with disturbing the peace, trespassing, second-degree assault of an officer and attempt to resist arrest.

Seniors accounting major Stanley Johnson, finance major Keith Barclay, fiance major Isha McCauley and history major Dale Cooper, were all arrested and cited with disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace.

Williams-Bey was heading into the apartment building around 1 a.m. to spend the night at a friend's room when an officer stopped him near the UTC driveway and told him to leave the property.

Williams-Bey said that after a dialogue the officer pushed him.

"I said 'Don't put your hands on me. It's not your jurisdiction to do such,'" Williams-Bey said. He said that the officer then used obscenities to tell

him to be quiet. While he was on the phone with a friend, Williams-Bey said the officer forced him to the ground and proceeded to arrest him.

Williams-Bey also said that he was hit three times with a taser gun while on the ground before he was handcuffed. "I was told that there were five to six cops on me. I was kicked in the neck area and punched in the face," he said.

"The whole thing lasted about three to four minutes," Johnson said.

Johnson, a friend of Williams-Bey's, was removed from the incident along with Barclay, Cooper and a senior economics major Omari Williams, but was upset to witness what he saw as mistreatment of his friend and began voicing his outrage.

"Dale spoke his mind. We were not hysterical," Johnson said. "They [the officers] were causing more [of] a disturbance than us."

According to Johnson, the officers then proceeded to arrest the group of males, with the exception of Williams.

"They hit Keith with the baton four times and I was



Howard students were involved in an altercation with police outside University Towers Center last Saturday night.

tazed twice while I was handcuffed," Johnson said.

Williams was not arrested. "I just got lucky," he said.

McCauley saw the original altercation begin with Williams-Bey from inside the building and went outside to capture footage of it on her camera phone. At that time an officer allegedly approached her and

said, "If you don't leave, you are going to end up handcuffed with them."

McCauley verbally defended her right to be present and to tape the incident, at which time she said she was apprehended, taken to the cement and handcuffed by the officer.

"I was shocked at the treatment," she said. "Everything

happened so fast. My mind didn't have time to process things. I was surprised at the amount of force and aggression he used," she added.

All students were taken to a Hyattsville police department where they say they were not allowed phone calls and were never read their rights.

Johnson, Barclay and Cooper were released from the station around 3 a.m. with McCauley's release following at 5 a.m. Williams-Bey was transferred to another facility, given a May 7 court date and released on pretrial around 11 a.m. on Sunday.

Williams-Bey plans to file suit against the officers for misconduct. He said that he believes his rights were compromised and that he was treated inhumanely.

According to a police report from the Hyattsville Police Department, Williams-Bey was tazed to subdue him after he returned to the premises after being asked to leave.

The Hilltop is still seeking comment from the police department, which was unavailable for comment at the time of publication.

All students are shocked

at the brutality of their treatment and are ready to take action to ensure it does not happen again.

"It's 2007, not 1957," Johnson said. They accuse the officers of abusing them both mentally and physically and doing so with enjoyment. "It's almost like they had something to prove," he said.

"They can write on a piece of paper that Chad assaulted an officer and suddenly that's what happened when clearly that is not what happened," McCauley said.

A total of six officers were involved in the altercation. The students are in the process of finding attorneys.

Patricia Williams, mother of Williams, is from the area and has taken on the role of making sure all students are fine.

"What I find so objectionable is the excessive use of force that they used. To respond to a complaint is one thing, but to use excessive force the way they did is another. To tase a student three times as they did is unconscionable and then to tase a student when he's in hand cuffs, its outrageous and irresponsible," she said.

## HU Professor's Invention May Save Lives

BY ANDREW MOTEN  
Contributing Writer

Almost two years ago, Charles Kim, Ph.D., professor of engineering, nearly lost his life because of an electrical fault.

Kim says a fault caused his car to stall in early 2005, as he drove in a high traffic area of I-395.

"My car stopped three different times—once while on the Interstate. And the mechanics couldn't find a problem," he said. "Later on, I found out it was a problem with the electrical wire in my car."

Each year, electrical faults, also known as arcing, cause approximately 40,000 house fires in the United States and an unknown number of automobile problems, according to a 2004 report by the Consumer Product Safety Commission. The house fires cause more than \$680 million in property damages.

Through the necessity to find the electrical fault, Kim developed a device that could potentially detect faulty electrical wiring before disasters have the chance to occur. This budding breakthrough in technology works on the same principal as a DSL phone/internet line.

"I started on this project around the summer of 2005," Kim said, who has been a professor of computer and electrical engineering at Howard for almost eight years. "I've been working with electric faults and failures, though, my whole career."

Just as a DSL line carries voices and data, Kim's device allows a signal to travel between two points on wires that previously were used for transmitting electricity.

The signal measures the power left in the wire by measuring its error rate, or the number of times a signal fails to reach its destination, and transmitting it from one end of the wire where a transmitter is located, to another where a receiver is located. If the signal is interrupted, it can be assumed that the wire is faulty and preventative steps can be taken.

The technology is the first to be selected from Howard for commercialization by the National Center for Manufacturing Sciences, since the partnership between



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Engineering Professor Charles Kim, awaits patent approval for a device that would detect faulty electric wires.

the two began last year, Kim said.

"If patented, it is my hope that the technology is used to benefit the likes of commercial airline companies, U.S. Military aircraft and ships, as well as everyday civilians," Kim said.

Until Kim's patent is completed, the method for detecting faulty electrical wires is physical observation, a method that leaves room for human error. In some instances, that margin has proved dangerous and oftentimes fatal.

In July 1996, 230 people died when TWA Flight 800 exploded in the airspace just outside of Long Island, N.Y. and crashed into the Atlantic Ocean. In 2003, a series of manhole explosions occurred in Georgetown, Washington, D.C. Experts attributed electrical faults to the accidents and those similar to them.

According to Kim, arcing faults develop gradually through electric wire deterioration, cuts, burns, thermal stresses or heavy usage, and they are not easily detected.

Machines with mass amounts of wire, such as jets and navy ships use several miles of wire and which are generally used for a number of years.

"I think it's a great idea," said Ian Newborn, a junior architecture major. "I'm surprised no one has thought of it before and I really hope he gets the patent."

The patent on this technology is still pending. It takes three to eight years to obtain a U.S. patent.

## Annex Resident Encounters Elevator Nightmare in Dorm

BY TRAVER RIGGINS  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Club Annex Elevator may be the newest hotspot on campus. Free for girls all night and free for boys with IDs until 2 a.m.

Morgan Winbush, a freshman print journalism major, had no clue that she would actually spend part of her Friday night there.

On her way to a friend's room on the fifth floor of the Annex's west side, Winbush found herself trapped in the elevator.

"I thought the elevator was moving but it wasn't," Winbush said.

Winbush, A third floor resident, had not seen a flyer posted on the first floor warning students not to use the right hand elevator.

Once Winbush realized the elevator was not moving, she called friends who instructed her to hold down the emergency button until the fire department arrived.

"No one could actually

hear the alarm. Only my friends could hear it because they were on the third floor with me," she said.

Stuck inside for 40 minutes until the fire department arrived to free her, Winbush decided to entertain herself.

"I had my laptop so I was on Facebook," she said.

Perhaps while she was perusing the site, she could have stumbled across a group created for her particular predicament: "Annex Elevators... Convenient Devices or Death in a Box," which was created by Annex residents and currently has 18 members. The group is dedicated particularly to the west side elevators. Currently, only one of the two is working.

The group description comically details residents' reasons for joining, from opting to take the stairs for fear of being stuck alone, to having friends refuse to visit west-siders altogether.

"I'm definitely going to join the group," Winbush said, but her main concern is getting the elevators working properly.

"I just think we need to have it fixed because we all rely on one elevator," she said.

At times, both elevators have gone out and students have been forced to take the stairs, she added.

While the exercise may seem beneficial, Winbush points out that the elevators were down during parts of move-in time and some of

her friends had to walk their belongings to the sixth and seventh floors.

Tomantha Kyle's pointed out that poor elevator service leaves the disabled with no options.

"What if I had just broke my ankle," asked Kyle, a freshman actuarial science major and sixth floor west Annex resident.

There are no alternatives in the Annex for a physically impaired resident to make their way up the stairs.

Kyle said the frequent repairs on the elevators have yielded few results.

"I've witnessed them being fixed at least 10 times and they still don't work," Kyle said. "I know the elevator man by name."

Kyle believes that students should show their concerns, speak to their community director and start a petition.

Shameka Ealy, a freshman business management major and Annex president, is responsible for relaying problems residents have to higher authorities.

"I've talked to Dean [Charles] Gibbs about the elevators. He knows the concerns and he's handling it wonderfully," Ealy said.

Gibbs, Dean of Residence Life, was unavailable for comment.

Ealy said she has never been stuck in the elevator and would be scared if it happened, but explained that since the Annex has two elevators on each wing, problems with them receive lesser priority than those of dormitories with fewer elevators.

"The Annex is the newest, so we don't get things fixed as quickly as other dorms," Ealy said.



File Photo

Freshman Morgan Winbush was trapped in a Bethune Annex elevator for 40 minutes.



# HU Policy Opposes Cheating

BY CHARLOTTE YOUNG  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Whether it's because of an exam one forgot to study for, complete confusion, pressure or stress, some Howard students often feel forced to cheat.

"I'm not saying I cheat, but from personal experience as soon as a professor just leave the room, people just start talking. It's not so much people actually pulling out notes or passing notes, but students communicating with each other verbally."

However, not all students find it so easy to cheat.

"In architecture you can't really cheat," said Farida Aliyu, a junior architecture major. "It's not easy, but you can't really rely on cheating to get by. The majority [of work] is what you think, your creativity."

Radio, television and film professor, C.L. Tina Morton said that this is true for the classes she teaches as well.

"It's hard to cheat in creative work," she said. "You can't steal somebody's mind unless you're out stealing somebody's project. Theoretically someone could take someone's work off the hard drive downstairs, but I've never had that issue."

For classes that don't rely



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**Students found cheating can be failed for the assignment or course. There may also be a judicial hearing or expulsion.**

on individual creativity, consequences for cheating are clearly articulated in most professors' syllabi.

"Basically, each professor may handle minor incidents or refer them to the University for violation of the student code of conduct," said Robert M. Catchings, Associate Dean for the Natural Sciences Division in the College of Arts and Sciences.

According to the Howard University code of conduct, students "are expected to hold the pursuit of learning and the search for truth in the high-

est regard while displaying unquestionable integrity and honesty. There is no place for academic dishonesty."

Students who cheat should not receive credit for the assignment they cheated on, according to the code. More severe crimes may result in "failure in the course involved or suspension from the University."

The School of Business has taken increased measures, including plans to put into practice departmental exit exams to guarantee students are learning.

"It sounds like a good

idea. A lot of times you just memorize facts and after that you forget it. But if you have to take an exit exam, you'll have to actually retain it," said Courtney Davis, a sophomore accounting major. Davis doesn't believe the measures will help with cheating.

"A lot of people find ways to cheat regardless. If you cheat on a test in the class what makes you think they're not going to cheat on an exit exam?"

Though cheating does go on and will continue at Howard despite extra measures in place, there are students at Howard who still hold academic morality in high regard.

"Your grade for your integrity should always be more than the grade you received for class," said Christian Plummer, a sophomore political science major.

Freshman biology major Madyson Mitchell said that she will not compromise her character in order to get a better grade.

"Cheating doesn't get you anywhere far," she said. "My goal is to take the consequences of my actions. I'm not going to compromise my character."

## What's In A Name?

A Look at the Namesakes of Howard University



Benjamin E. Mays Hall

BY TIFFANY BRIGHT  
Contributing Writer

Benjamin E. Mays Hall is the co-educational graduate residence hall located at the School of Divinity on Howard's East Campus. Its namesake, Dr. Benjamin Elijah Mays, was a scholar, minister, social activist and proud product of the black community.

Mays, the youngest of eight children, was born in South Carolina in 1894. His parents were both tenant farmers and former slaves. In 1920, he earned his bachelor's degree from Bates College. He completed his graduate studies at the University of Illinois where, in 1925, he earned his master's degree and in 1935. He later obtained a Ph.D. from the School of Religion.

While pursuing his graduate studies, Mays accepted his call to the ministry and was ordained in the Baptist church in 1922. He became the pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Atlanta and later went on to teach at both Morehouse College and South Carolina State College.

After earning his master's degree, Mays went on to work as a social activist. In 1926, he was appointed secretary of the Urban League in Tampa, Fla. Two years later, he went on to become National Student Secretary of the YMCA.

It was while studying for his doctorate that in 1934, Mays accepted the position as Dean of the School of Religion at Howard University. He was the second African American dean of the college. During his tenure, he traveled to India and had the honor of speaking at length with Mahatma Gandhi. Mays also identified and rectified some of the urgent needs of the college, which included increasing and improving the faculty. The most

notable of these accomplishments was that the Howard University School of Religion was granted full accreditation by the American Association of Theological Schools in 1939.

In 1940, Mays left Howard University to accept the position as President of Morehouse University. While he held this position, Mays served as a positive role model for his students. Many of these young men looked up to him as a mentor and the young Martin Luther King Jr. was among them. Mays also served as a senior advisor to King. As further testament to the strength of their bond, Mays gave the eulogy at King's funeral in 1968.

While in Atlanta, Mays was also elected to sit on the Atlanta Board of Education. In 1970, he was elected President of the Board, making him the first African American to hold the position. While serving on the Board, Mays was responsible for the supervision of the peaceful desegregation of Atlanta public schools.

As a champion of human rights, Mays often spoke for desegregation and for education. He received numerous honorary doctorates and other awards for his work, including election to the Schomburg Honor Roll of Race Relations, an honor held by only 12 major leaders. He has published many works, one of which was the first sociological study of African American religion titled "The Negro's Church." He also published two autobiographies and a book called "Seeking to Be a Christian in Race Relations."

Mays died on March 28, 1984 and was buried alongside his wife on the campus of Morehouse College.

## Ford's Theatre Explores the Legendary Works of August Wilson with the Production of 'Jitney'

BY DENISE HORN  
Copy Editor

Last night, Ford's Theatre hosted a panel discussion focusing on the life and work of the late Pulitzer prize-winning playwright, August Wilson and including Wilson's play, "Jitney" which is now playing at the theatre thru Feb. 18.

Wilson who died of liver cancer in 2005, is credited with exploring Black culture through drama, through 10 plays, each set in the a different decade, detailing 20th century black life.

The panel was moderated by Caleen Sinnette Jennings, a theater professor at American University. Panelists included David S. Leong, chairman, professor and producer of the Theatre Department at Virginia Commonwealth University. Jennifer L. Nelson, the producing artistic director of the African Continuum Theatre Company and director of "Jitney."

Previously, Leong served as the fight director of August Wilson's creative team. He praised Wilson's work, as well as Wilson's incorporation of violence in his plays. Although he was often chastised for the violence, Leong said, "everything that happens [in Wilson's work] has the highest level of importance."

Also providing commentary as a panelist was Howard professor, Dr. Sandra G. Shannon. Much of Shannon's career focuses on Wilson's work.

Shannon authored The Dramatic Vision of August Wilson and August Wilson's Fences: A Reference Guide. She's also co-edited August Wilson and Black Aesthetic. Currently, Shannon is editing an anthology of essays titled, "Approaches to Teaching the Plays of August Wilson." Shannon's graduate seminar course, Major African American Literature, also focuses on Wilson.

"Jitney" chronicles black life in the 1970's by telling the story of an unlicensed cab driver in Pittsburgh. The play's main character, Becker, is faced with the challenge of maintaining his business despite urban renewal. Nelson told the audience of 50 members, that the same events are now occurring in the District.

Although credited with critiquing the black experience, Nelson noted Wilson's plays do not focus on racism.

"Wilson's plays aren't about racism. They are about people finding ways to make choices in their lives," Nelson said.

Wilson's career was criti-



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**The late August Wilson's Jitney, running at Ford Theater now until Feb. 18, also featured a panel discussion with various experts.**

cized for its vulgarity as well as his extensive use of the n-word, but Shannon praised Wilson for not allowing the criticism to affect his work.

"Wilson received criticism, but August being August didn't let it bother him."

As President of the Black Theatre network, Shannon believes that students can learn and appreciate theatre from Wilson's work.

"August Wilson tells our history through drama. Students should read Wilson along with recorded history."

Some of Wilson's other famous plays include "The

Piano Lesson," "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom," and "Fences." New York's Broadway Theatre was renamed in his honor and the first to bear the name of an African American.

On Tuesdays, the Ford's Theatre offers tickets for "Jitney" at a discounted rate of \$10. Tickets are also available online at [www.fordstheatre.org](http://www.fordstheatre.org) and at the box office.

The University of Maryland is hosting a conference on Wilson at the Driscoll Center from March 9th-11th. Shannon will also serve as a featured speaker during the conference.

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# HPV Vaccine Might Be Legally Mandatory

BY KENYA DOWNS  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Lawmakers in nearly a dozen states, including Maryland and Virginia, are considering requiring middle school-aged girls to be vaccinated for the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) which if left untreated, can cause cervical cancer, genital lesions and genital warts.

This is the first time the government has stepped in to possibly require parents to take action towards protecting their children from sexually transmitted diseases.

In June, the vaccine, which is called Gardasil and produced by Merck & Co., was approved for use in girls as young as nine. A government advisory panel later recommended that the vaccine should be given before girls become sexually active.

Both men and women can be infected, but cervical cancer is the most serious consequence therefore the vaccine is currently only recommended for women and

girls.

HPV is one of the most common sexually transmitted diseases, infecting approximately 6 million Americans a year and it is estimated that 20 million

might not be prepared to have."

"The girls are going to want to know why they have to have the vaccine and it's forcing parents to have a conversation about sex they

In the past, vaccines were only required for diseases spread through outlets like coughs and runny noses. This would be the first vaccine required for a disease only spread through sexual

as politicians are trying to imply.

Also, there are more than 100 different strains or types of the virus and Merck says that Gardasil is 98 percent effective, but only against certain strains of HPV, according to a study of women followed for five years.

That leaves some parents feeling like the vaccine is too new to be mandated in schools without adequate knowledge of possible side effects.

Most opponents of the vaccine feel that it will encourage sexual activity and promiscuity among young girls.

David Catania, councilman for the District of Columbia, said that requiring the vaccine would not require parents to prematurely address sexually transmitted diseases nor does it encourage sexual activity.

"This vaccine no more encourages sexual activity than a tetanus shot encour-

ages you to step on a rusty nail," he told CBS Evening News.

College-age women are strongly encouraged to get the vaccine, since the college years are times of the highest exposure to sexually transmitted diseases.

However, women over the age of 30 are not encouraged to get the vaccine since its effect will be severely diminished. Besides getting the vaccine, physicians and gynecologists encourage abstinence or monogamous relationships to prevent the spread of HPV.

While the effect of condoms in prevention of the infection is unknown, condom use has been associated with a lower rate of cervical cancer.

Gardasil is taken in three doses, which totals approximately \$340. It is covered by most insurances. According to Dr. Lynette Munday of the student health center, the vaccine will be available for students in two months.

"I see where this could be a beneficial commodity for young girls but it shouldn't be something forced onto parents."

- Lauren Pinkston, '10

people are currently infected.

According to the American Cancer Society, 9,700 women this year will be diagnosed with cervical cancer nationwide and of those, 3,700 will die.

"I see where this could be a beneficial commodity for young girls but it shouldn't be something forced onto par-

might not be prepared to have."

Starting with girls entering sixth grade, Washington, D.C. may soon add the HPV vaccine to the list of mandatory school shots. Virginia is among the states where bills mandating the vaccinations have been introduced and Maryland is expected to introduce a similar bill.

# Do-It Entertainment Provides Recreation

BY KENYA DOWNS  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Nearly two years ago, four friends had the idea of starting an entertainment and promotional company to better serve the needs of both Caribbean and American students on Howard's campus. Through much brainstorming, Do-It Entertainment was created with the goal of hosting numerous events for both entertainment and recreation purposes, including parties and soccer tournaments. The result: one of the most recognized groups on campus, especially within the Caribbean community.

Originally beginning as party promoters in the spring of 2005, Brian Gillison, Kyle Lequay, Kerne Stanley and Derek Dickinson united with the purpose of bringing people together and providing them with a unique cultural experience sampled from across the globe.

"We have always helped out the Caribbean Students' Association and D'Phellaz Entertainment with their events and promotions," said Gillison, a senior hospitality management major. "As the years went on, we noticed a need for the continuation of the market, but also [we noticed] a need to expand."

Do-It has since expanded from being simple party hosts to an entire entertainment company. Now they provide a monthly newsletter, lead a promotional team of 15 people, host a "Do-It Futbol Fest" and serve as

promoters and hosts for sections of Miami Carnival nationwide. They have even flown in popular Trinidadian DJ Private Ryan to entertain their party crowd. Do-It also has an intramural soccer team called the Do-It Warriors.

"Friday nights are big because we can look forward to seeing them play an exciting match," said junior marketing major Rhianna Smith. "Their parties are guaranteed to be packed and people enjoy their newsletters. They draw a big crowd."

According to their web site, Do-It's main focus is providing fun and entertainment for West Indian and American culture through events associated with music, sports and good people.

"We have always had a passion for the entertainment industry," said Lequay, a senior business management major. "What better way than to take it and put it in our own hands?"

Three of the creators of Do-It, with the exception of Dickinson who is an alumnus, are Howard seniors and thus strive to keep their events catered to the needs of students. Such aims include keeping prices low and events within walking distance of the main campus. When an event's venue is beyond walking distance, Do-It provides shuttles from all University dorms. Do-It continues to build a large fan base, and it is not uncommon to see students advertising for the company by sporting

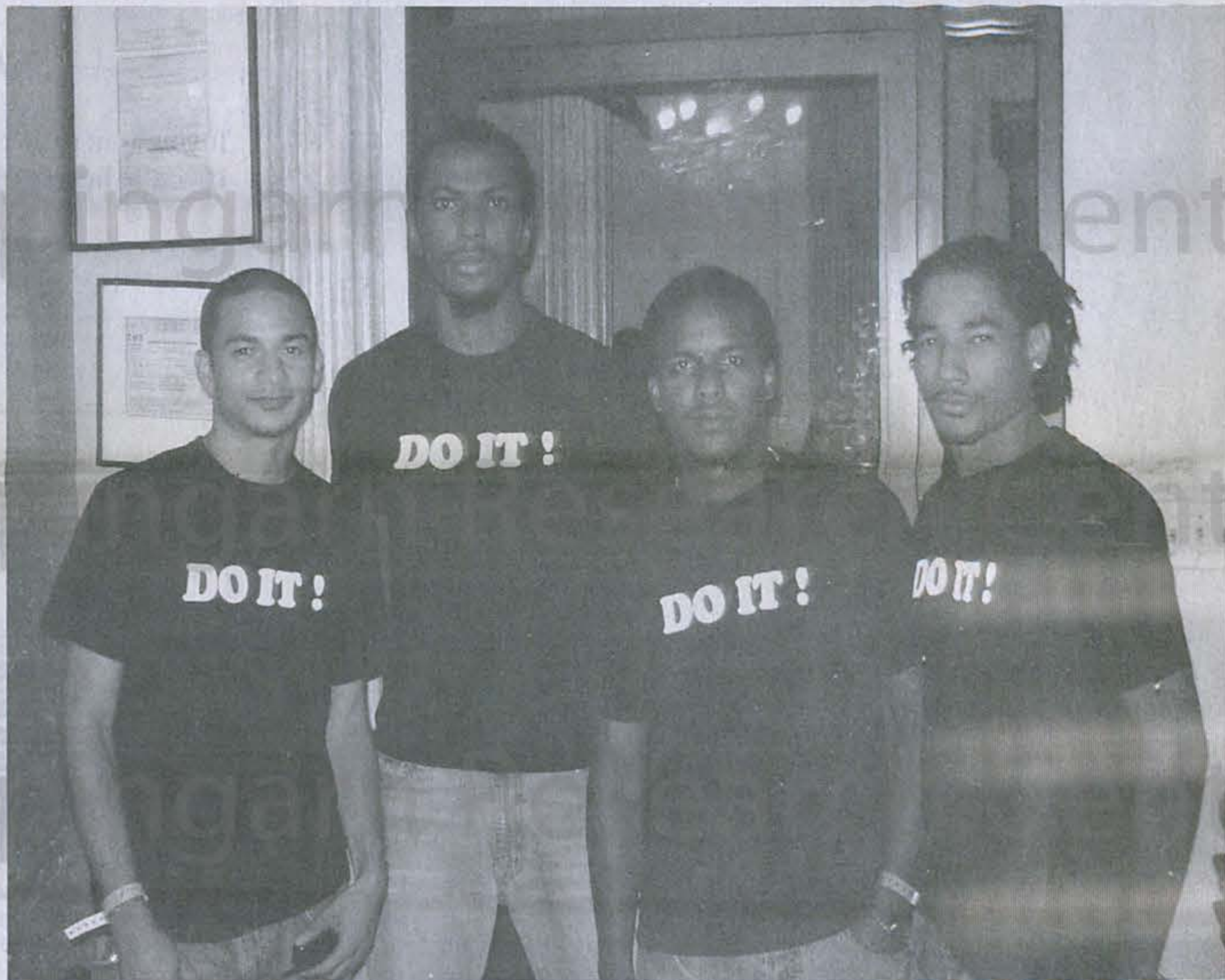


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Four founding members of Do-It Entertainment cater to the needs of Caribbean and American students.

popular "Do-It!" T-shirts.

Christian De Las, a sophomore computer information systems major from Trinidad, recognizes Do-It's popularity among the Howard students and their expansion to all nationalities.

"As a company, they're

a creative group with good party concepts," he said. "Even though [what they do] is just for fun, it does show that they have the resources and talent to produce good stuff."

Do-It welcomes other innovative individuals who

hope to become involved. As of now, Do-It is seeking to expand their magazine, help sponsor and coordinate the D.C. Carnival and eventually expand to other Carnivals globally. Stanley, a senior broadcast journalism major, welcomes the opportunity

to work with eager participants.

"Do-It Entertainment is very receptive to any individual who is creative and committed. We encourage new ideas and seriously take into consideration any suggestions or concerns," he said.

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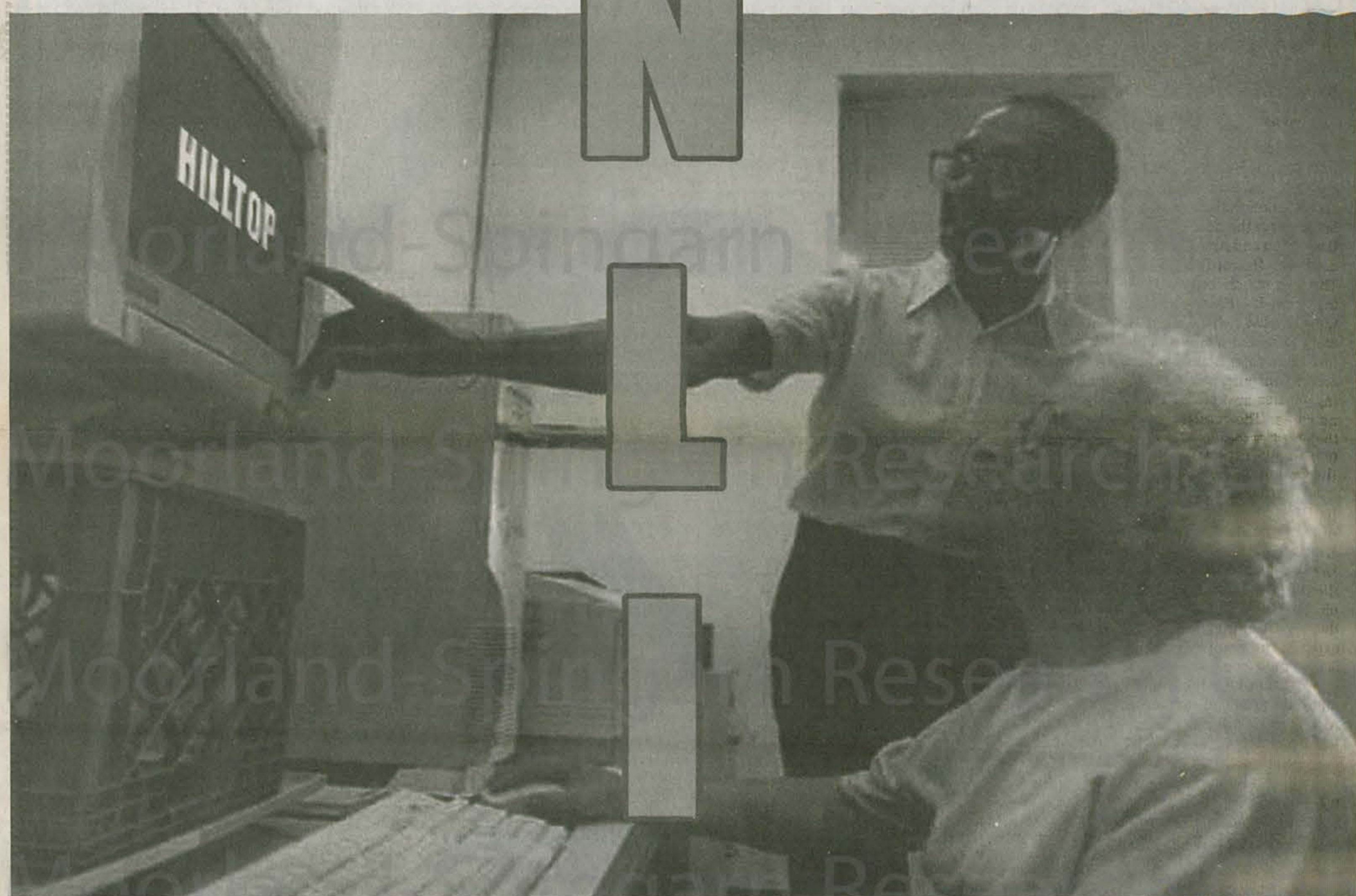
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# In the House or In the Club: Where Bison Party

BY DANIELLE KWATENG  
Hilltop Staff Writer

College students typically have two options when it comes to socializing with friends--the club party or the house party. With the new year comes celebrations, and many Howard students are forced to choose which type of merrymaking they will partake in.

Phillip Michel, a junior marketing major and the CEO of IET Entertainment, believes that there are positive and negative aspects of both types of parties.

"There used to be more house parties [for Howard students], but I see more people going to clubs this year," Michel said.

Michel started in the club promotion business in August and created his own company in October.

"I've always loved partying, so since I loved it, why not do it as a business? I enjoy watching people have a good time and it's just a fun business to be in. Plus, it makes good money," Michel added.

The District has an array of options for club hopping students. Some of the clubs promoted on Howard's campus are Envy, Platinum, 1919, Avenue, Fur and LOVE. They all have different atmospheres, which make them unique.

LOVE, one of the most exclusive clubs in Northeast, caters to adults.

"What makes us unique is our diverse crowd and the different levels we have," said Fito Garcia, an assis-



Some Howard students go for the advantages of clubs such as security and discounted entry. Other students prefer the laid back atmosphere with a few friends in a less formal atmosphere at local house parties.

tant manager at LOVE. "People don't just go there for one type of music. We have a diverse crowd."

Garcia added, "Thursday nights are for college students and Saturdays for the international crowd. And we also host private parties and have open dance floors. We try to make it comfortable for everyone."

Michel said that whether he ventures to a house or a club depends on the night.

"I enjoy house parties, but being

in the business I know that club parties are more organized and structured," he said. "They also tend to be safer with security that oftentimes house parties don't have. It's a give and take situation."

Club parties have many advantages for fun-seeking college students. Clubs tend to have high security enforcement so the party does not get out of hand. For the ladies, most clubs in the District allow free or reduced admission until a certain

time, unlike house parties that typically charge all night.

The complaints that students usually have about club parties are that they are too packed and cost too much when factoring in the cover charge, coat check and drinks. In addition, clubs often put restrictions on leaving and re-entering.

For Jason Curtis, a junior business music major who has been in club promotion for three years, house parties have their ups and downs.

"It all depends on who's throwing the house party," Curtis said. "If it's close friends, then it will probably be more laid back and I'd feel more comfortable. But on the other hand, club parties tend to be safer," Curtis said.

When students were asked about some of the advantages of house parties, they all gave three main reasons.

The first advantage is that they are typically closer and easier to get to from campus.

Second, house parties are cheaper than club parties and students can often get in for free if they know the person throwing the party. Another reason is that students are more likely to know more of the guests at house parties.

But safety concerns at house parties make some students think twice before attending. Last year outside a local house party on U Street, a Howard student was shot and seriously injured.

"It seems like every house party I've gone to eventually gets shut down," sophomore finance major Brianna Hurt said.

"The people aren't even the issue to me. I just think D.C. police are really cautious when it comes to [house parties] and want to break it up before anything bad happens," Hurt said. "But honestly, I still typically choose them because the people there I know and the atmosphere is more laid back and fun."

# Puerto Rico Likely Alternative for Spring Break

BY TIFFANY WILLAMS-COE  
Contributing Writer

Although ice is still on the ground, collegiats have already begun their spring break planning. Campuses across the country are all buzzing about this year's ideas. Students are busy researching interesting destinations and planning their vacation budgets.

One of the most popular destinations is Miami. Travelers go to Miami for fun in the sun and its infamous nightlife. But this year, students are trying somewhere different.

If one is looking for island fun, Puerto Rico might be a viable option to visit. Known as "The Island of Paradise," Puerto Rico is located in the Caribbean, east of the Dominican Republic. From its year-round warm weather to its beautiful beaches, it is an ideal getaway. The island is filled with culture and would be an interesting and exciting experience.

Puerto Rico has an array of opportunities for travelers. Some of the activities offered on the island include surfing, golfing, fishing, kayaking, scuba diving, horseback riding, windsurfing and parasailing. The island has many restaurants that serve the latest cuisine and plenty of nightlife attractions, including a variety of shows and clubs.

Lauren Hall, a sophomore archi-

tecture major, was one of the many people who ventured to Miami for spring break last year.

"Last year as a freshmen, me and my friends went to Miami for spring break," she said. "It was fun, but at the same time it was like being at Howard all over again. Everywhere we went we saw people we knew. It was like we never left campus."

Though she enjoyed days at the beach and dining along Ocean Drive, Hall did not feel like Miami was a true getaway. Instead, it was more of a get together with the same people she would see on a day-to-day basis, she said.

"I never thought of Puerto Rico before," Hall said. "But from what I heard, it's beautiful there. I would definitely be interested in going."

At this time of year, companies are making their package deals more affordable. According to Cheaptickets.com, trips to Puerto Rico, including roundtrip airline tickets and a 6-night stay at a 3-star breakfast hotel, costs an average of \$550 per person. Expedia.com also offers package deals to Puerto Rico, including roundtrip flights and hotel stay for as low as \$482 per person.

Education major Camila Storer said she frequents Puerto Rico every summer and loves it. Being half Puerto Rican, Storer takes trips to the country to visit her family.

"I love Puerto Rico," she said. "It's such a beautiful place--from the weather and the people there to the food. It's all so wonderful."

When asked about the best place to visit in Puerto Rico, Storer said there are too many to name.

"If you were to go there and ask someone where you should visit, everyone would say something different because the whole island is filled with different things to do," Storer said, whose favorite part of Puerto Rico is the food.

Alex Gomez, a travel agent who works for Hotel.com, said the time between December and April is Puerto Rico's busiest months of tourism.

"We get a lot of phone calls this time of year from college students wanting to plan spring break trips,



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Students who want to enjoy the beach, Caribbean cuisine and scuba diving, all with a spanish flare but sans their classmates in Miami, can opt for a vacation in Puerto Rico.

and Puerto Rico is definitely a popular location. All the Caribbean islands are."

It is not likely that students will go to the island and run into schoolmates.

"A lot of kids call about Miami too, but Puerto Rico in my opinion is more suitable if you're looking for

something fun and relaxing," Gomez said.

Miami is always an option for spring break, but if you are looking for other alternatives, Puerto Rico is a fun, affordable getaway with great weather, good food, friendly people and plenty of culture.

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## He Said

## She Said



### The Definition of Cheating



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According to the Associated Press, 90 percent of Americans believe that committing adultery is morally wrong. Yet, 17 percent of all marriages in the United States end because of cheating.

Unless it is possible to have 117 percent of a population, those numbers do not really add up like they should. Why does this occur?

Perhaps there is a misinterpretation in the understanding of what it actually means to cheat. Merriam-Webster's defines the verb "to cheat" as "to be sexually unfaithful." In using that definition there are discrepancies regarding what actually constitutes sex. Our former president, Bill Clinton, was famous (or infamous) for stating "I did not have sexual relations with that woman." In his mind, the fellatio that occurred did not amount to "sexual relations."

Due to Clinton's stand on the issue of his own argued adultery, 50 percent

of Americans now state his moral standard is "about the same as the average married man," according to poll done by Time-CNN.

That leaves us with a disjointed definition of what it actually means to cheat. Many believe Clinton is an adulterer while some maintain that he did not cross the line. Others push that line to less extreme offenses such as kissing or even emotional affairs that bear no physical contact.

Where do we make the distinction between what is cheating and what is not? The best way to answer this question is reminiscent of childhood. Often when I would go somewhere without my parents they would tell me to act as if they were there.

This concept can apply to the issue of what it means to cheat. Act as if your significant other was there. In other words, do not do anything while you are away from your partner that you would feel uncomfortable doing in his

or her presence. It is just that simple. If the action is something that you feel like you may need to hide from the one you claim to love, then obviously you should not be participating in that action.

You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already done so in his heart.

At least that's what

Jesus says in Matthew 5:27-28 in the New International Version.

While most people don't think of cheating in as strict a fashion, there is some debate as to what constitutes a betrayal of a relationship. As with all topics of He Said, She Said, this is an area that tends to stratify based upon gender, with women typically more conservative than their male partners.

Some men think a little peck here and there doesn't count as cheating. Others subscribe to the "Zip Code Code" that says that if the offense is committed in a different zip code than the primary relationship is conducted in, it doesn't count. Still others contend that whatever happens when alcohol is added to the equation doesn't equal cheating.

Most women don't agree with these theories. If asked, many will say that a partner who kisses another person has been unfaithful.

Some find that infraction grounds for termination. Still others ascribe to the biblical theory and say that giving of the heart is an act of infidelity.

Regardless of what you specifically define as cheating, it is generally agreed upon that a prolonged secondary relationship is a worse infraction than a single incident. It also tends to mean more to the cuckolded party if there are legitimate emotions behind the straying.

But wherever one draws the line or tips the scale, the important thing is that you clearly itemize these things before they become a problem. A relationship is similar to a contract; certain behaviors are expected while others are frowned upon. Just as one wouldn't enter a contract without knowing the terms of the agreement, it's inadvisable to enter into a relationship without knowing the terms of the arrangement.

From the Minds of Joshua Thomas & Jana Homes

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## Overheard @ The Mecca

### False Advertising or Faulty Accounting? Overheard in The C-Store

**Confused Customer:** So, how much is this 30 cent gum?  
**Howard Employee:** Um, 25 cents.

### Copyrights (We're Everywhere, Pt. 2) Overheard in the East Towers

(While watching an episode of "The Game")  
**Girl 1:** Man I swear, me and Peanut invented 'kick rocks.'  
**Girl 2:** Yeah sure.  
**Girl 1:** Can't nobody invent nuttin round here without people tryna copy.  
**Girl 3:** (laughs) I'm sending this to overhead at the mecca.  
**Girl 1:** Don't try to make no joke outta this!

### The Pot Calling the Kettle's Boyfriend Ugly Overheard on the Shuttle

**Girl 1:** My sister's boyfriend is ugly, but I can't talk because J\*\*\*\* is ugly. J\*\*\*\* is so ugly. His nose is too big, it's too wide and he is just ugly!  
**Girl 2:** Wait a minute, J\*\*\*\* is your boyfriend!  
**Girl 1:** I know. I don't know why I love him. He's so ugly, but I love [him]!

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## Presidential History in 2008?

Recently, we have seen many politicians take steps toward running for president in 2008.

On the democratic side, Christopher Dodd, John Edwards, Mike Gravel, Dennis Kucinich and Tom Vilsack have all filed official campaign sites with the Federal Election Committee. Democrats Joe Biden, Hillary

Rodham Clinton, Barack Obama and Bill Richardson have all formed presidential exploratory committees.

For the republicans, Sam Brownback, John H. Cox and Michael Charles Smith have all filed official campaign sites with the FEC. Also, republicans Jim Gilmore, Rudy Giuliani, Duncan Hunter, John McCain, Ron Paul, Mitt Romney, Tom Tancredo and

Tommy Thompson have all created presidential exploratory committees.

Out of these, the names making the most headlines are

## Our View:

*We should be more supportive of candidates who may offer new solutions to our current problems and make history in the process.*

Obama and Rodham Clinton. This is perhaps because either of these White House hopefuls would make political and cultural history if they were to win the presidency.

However, there is also controversy surrounding each of these candidates. Obama is facing criticism about his limited experience on the national level, as well as his ability to garner support. We

at The Hilltop believe that the question of his national experience may be more of a positive than a negative. The aim of our federal government needs redirection and someone who is new to the national scene to present a fresh outlook and new ideas. Remember, John F. Kennedy had limited experience when he was elected to the presidency.

Rodham Clinton is taking criticism on the polarization of her political stances and is known for making waves. Yet, making waves in a government that people are not happy with may be more of a good thing.

In a country where a large portion of the people have problems with the government, we should be receptive to those who offer new ideas and differ from the status quo.

## Daily Sudoku

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# Rattlers Zone Out Bison Offense in Burr

BY CARYN GRANT  
Sports Editor

The Rattlers of Florida A&M came into Burr Gymnasium leading the MEAC in field goal percentage defense, and their zone defense caused numerous problems for the Bison men's basketball team Monday night as they fell 65-53.

The Rattlers came out showing a two-front zone defense that forced the Bison to take their first three field goal attempts of the game from behind the arc. Head Coach Gil Jackson called a timeout less than two minutes into the game to talk it over with the team.

After being held scoreless for nearly six minutes as the Rattlers quickly jumped out to a nine point lead led by center Rome Sanders, who recorded a double-double with a game-high 23 points and 11 rebounds, senior forward Stanley Greene hit two back-to-back three-pointers to break the Bison scoring drought. Fellow senior guard Darek Mitchell came alive as well, connecting on three consecutive threes, but every Bison basket was met by a countering score by the Rattlers.

FAMU continued to create space between the two teams, leading by as many as 14 points in the first half.

The Bison went into the locker room trailing 36-24. They attempt-

ed 25 field goals in the first half, 19 of which were from behind the arc. Howard shot 28 percent from the

field, while FAMU made more than 50 percent of their shots.

"We relied too much on the

three-ball tonight," Jackson said. "We started shooting them and weren't making them. A lot of that was mental fatigue. We gave them a lot of confidence and we never established an inside presence."

The second half featured many of the same characteristics of the first. Mitchell, who would lead the Bison with 12 points (all from three-pointers), started the half with his fourth made three-pointer of the game.

The Bison forced 20 Rattler turnovers, but it was not enough to offset FAMU's 47 rebounds in the contest. This totaled more than double the Bison's 21 boards, and more than 10 more rebounds than Howard allows opponents on average.

A 9-0 Bison run would cut the Rattler lead to eight points, but Howard would get no closer as the Rattlers stretched the gap back out to 17 points with six minutes remaining, putting the game out of reach for the home team.

The Bison would attempt 16 more three-pointers in the second half, bringing their total to a season-high 37 three-point attempts for the game while they connected on just

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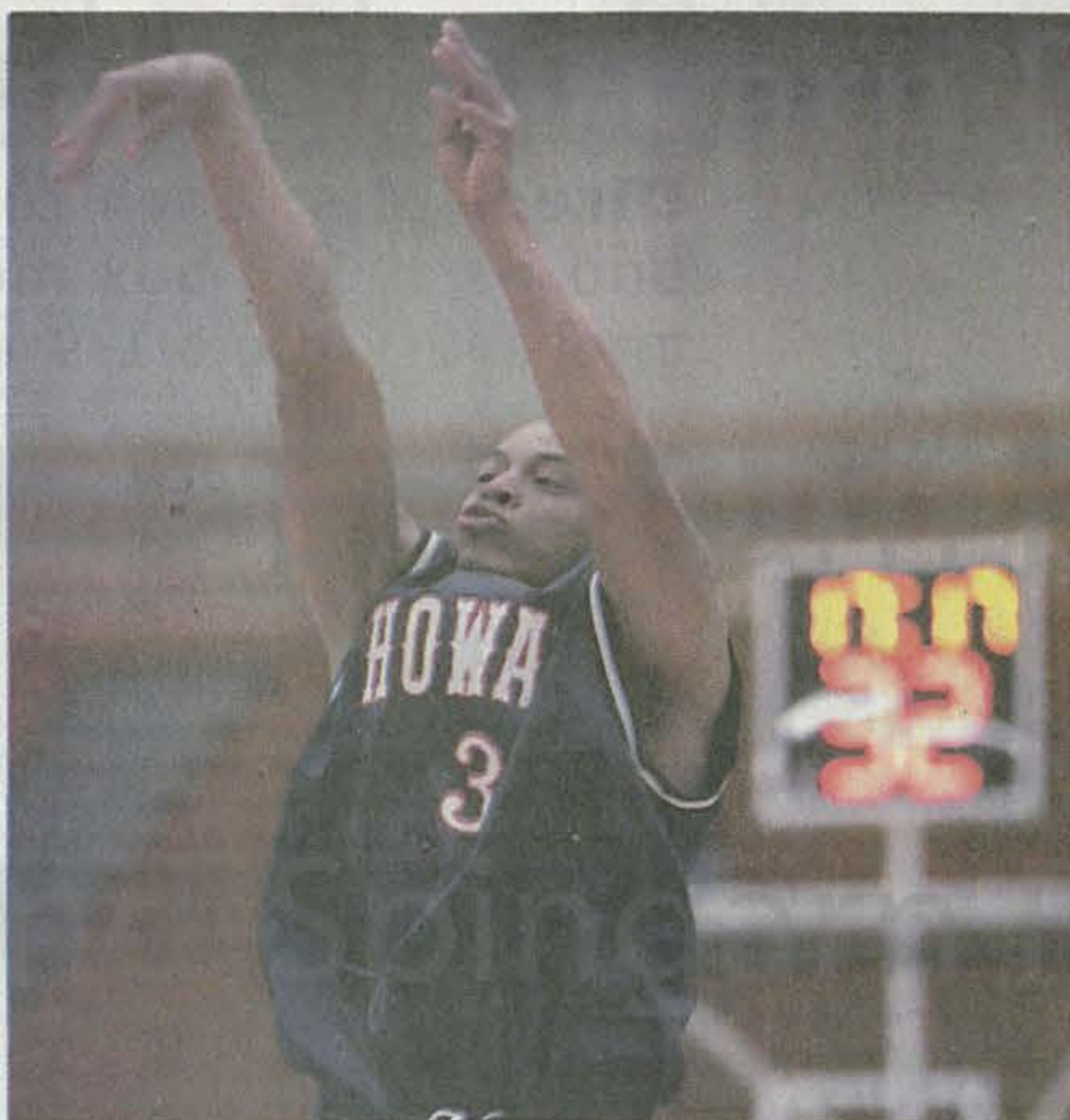
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#### Men's Basketball

Florida A&M 65  
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Senior guard Darek "Skip" Mitchell led the Bison with 12 points, nine of which were scored within a 90-second span in the first half.

18 of 56 total field goals, for just over 32 percent. This was the worst shooting performance for the Bison since their first game of the season against Cincinnati, when they shot just 21 percent from the floor.

"We died by the three tonight and that's not characteristic of a team that I want to coach," Jackson said.

Darryl Hudson, Greene and Will Gant scored 11, 9 and 8, for the Bison in the loss, respectively.

Howard face Coppin State at 4 p.m. in game two of a double-header Saturday at Burr Gymnasium.

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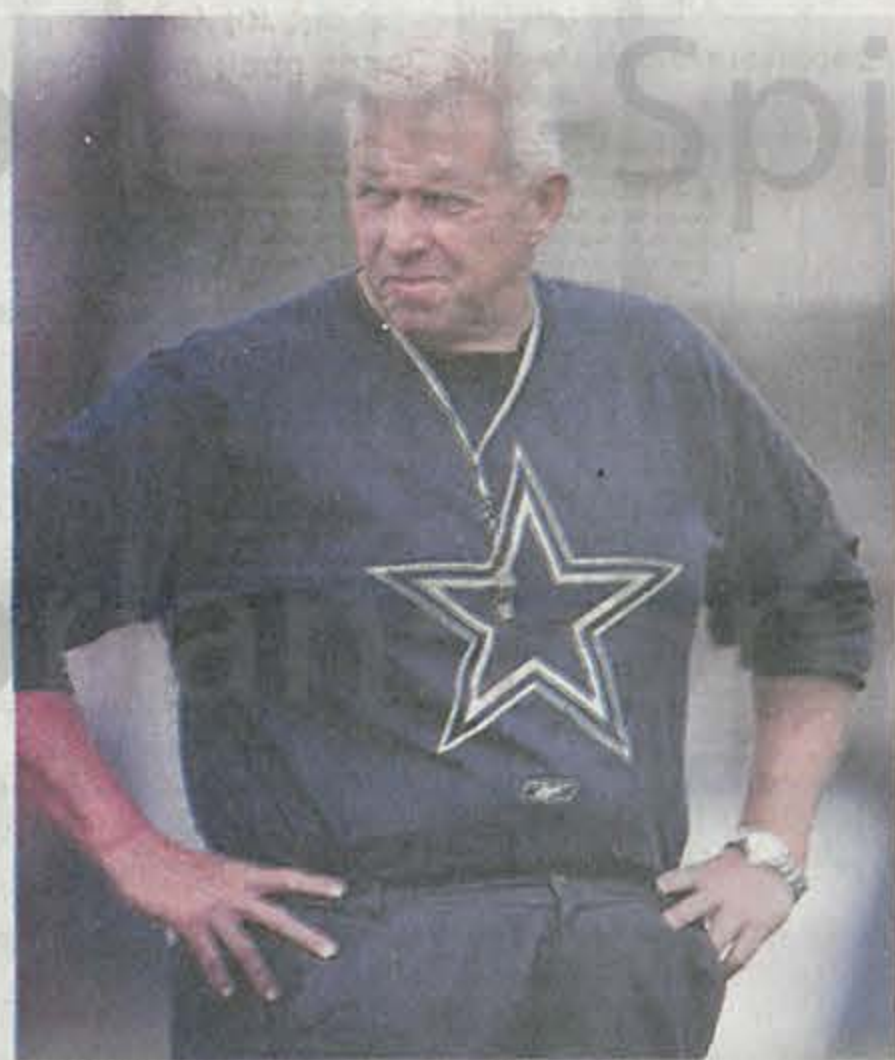


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Cowboys head coach Bill Parcells announced yesterday for the third time in his coaching career that he is retiring. His announcement comes after four seasons in charge in Dallas.

Parcells compiled a 34-32 record with the Cowboys, making the playoffs twice and going 0-2 in the postseason. The Cowboys were Parcells' fourth stop as a head coach.

## Another Door Opens



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Mike Tomlin accepted the head coaching job for the Pittsburgh Steelers yesterday, becoming the first black head coach in the team's history, and only the third coach in the last 38 years for the franchise.

The 34-year-old Tomlin is replacing the retired Bill Cowher, who was the same age when he took over the job in 1992. Tomlin previously served as the defensive coordinator of the Minnesota Vikings for one season, coaching the team to the NFL's top-ranked rushing defense.

The Hampton, Va. native broke into the NFL coaching ranks on Tony Dungy's staff in Tampa Bay in 2001.

# Lady Bison Fall In Close Contest to Florida A&M, 75-71

BY WINNIE CLARK-JENKINS  
Hilltop Staff Writer

Following Saturday afternoon's big win, the Lady Bison fell to the Florida A&M Lady Rattlers in last night's basketball game by a score of 75-71.

The game was played at Burr Gymnasium, where Howard beat Bethune-Cookman only two days before. However, the team was not fortunate enough to take down the number two team in the Mid-Eastern Atlantic Conference.

The loss dropped the Lady Bison's overall record to 1-14 and 1-6 in the MEAC. Meanwhile, Florida A&M improved to 11-8 overall and 7-1 in the MEAC.

With only one win under their belt so far this season, players said that they are still keeping their confidence up and working hard for another win.

"I think our confidence is getting stronger and everyone is stepping it up," senior forward Melloni Benson said. "The hardest thing is being able to stay up and stay focused."

Despite their disparity in the standings, the Lady Bison were only trailing 33-26 to Florida A&M at half-time. Howard was paced by junior guard Shannon Carlisle's eight first-

half points.

Early in the second half, Howard fell behind by 10 points following two consecutive three-pointers from Lady Rattlers junior guard Q'Vaunda Curry. The 10-point deficit was the largest of the game for either team, but the Lady Bison were able to respond down the stretch.

With just five minutes left in the game, Howard was able to bring the score to within one basket, pulling to a score of 55-53.

Carlisle tied the game with just under four minutes left on the clock, making the score 62-62 and giving her a team-high of 18 points.

"When you do not win by a margin like that, it is hard," Benson said. "I think everyone played hard, but we just ran out of time."

The game was tied at the three-minute mark once again at 66-66, keeping the crowd on the edge of

their seats during the last valuable minutes of the game.

Howard took its first lead of the



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Junior guard Christina Aden finished last night's game against FAMU with nine points, all of them coming in the second half, though Howard fell just short.

second half on a Carlisle lay-up, giving the Lady Bison a 68-66 advantage.

Howard extended its lead to 70-66 on two free throws by junior guard Christina Aden.

Florida A&M responded with a three-pointer from junior forward Theys Halley, then sank six crucial free throws down the stretch to put the Lady Bison away.

Benson, who finished the game with 12 points and four rebounds, was discouraged by losing such a close game.

"It hurt, it was a tough loss," Benson said. "The hardest part was losing."

Head coach Kathy Parson said after the game that the Lady Bison needed to do a better job of working together as a unit.

"It is going to take more teamwork to get a win," Parson said. "They have to play more effectively and seal the deal."

The Lady Bison have six more home games this season, five of which are back to back in Burr Gymnasium until Feb. 10.

Up next, Howard will face the Coppin State Lady Eagles on Saturday, Jan. 27 at 2 p.m. at Burr Gymnasium.